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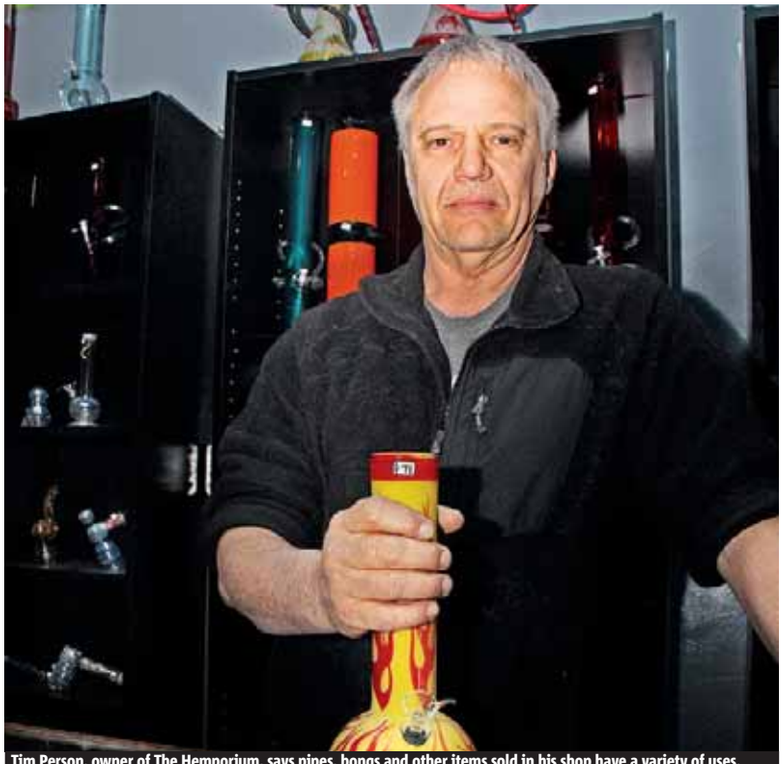

Tim Person, owner of The Hemporium, says pipes, bongs and other items sold in his shop have a variety of uses.
JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Debate over head shops billows

Law. Alberta city recently took steps to limit sales of bongs, grinders and other devices

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City police representatives are expressing disfavour over the operations of head shops they claim promote drug culture, but opponents accuse them of simply blowing smoke.

This comes as the central Alberta city of St. Albert has passed the strictest bylaw in the province regarding establishments selling pipes, weigh scales, grinders and other items. Businesses will no longer be able to display pictures of marijuana plants and must limit themselves to selling just two products off a list of restricted items.

John Dooks, president of the Calgary Police Association, believes a similar move would do a world of good locally.

"We're saying the use and sale of drugs is prohibited but we'll sell the items to use the drugs," he said. "It's a hypocritical contradiction."

But Tim Person, owner of The Hemporium on 17th Avenue Southwest, said people make their decision to use drugs long before entering his shop.

"What we offer, in some ways, is a form of harm reduction," he said.

The Criminal Code of Canada only allows police to seize the items in question when a storeowner is openly advocating using the products to ingest drugs.

"We recognize the reality is people are going in to purchase instruments — tools — to facilitate their drug use at these shops," said police staff Sgt. Mike Bossley. "It creates difficulty from the perspective of enforcement."

Going too far?

- **Calgary city council** previously explored a ban on drug paraphernalia in 2007 after concerns were brought forward by former Ald. Craig Burrows, but nothing came of it.
- **Earlier this week,** Ald. John Mar questioned the legality of such a move. "It's a matter of at what point does Big Brother step in," he said.

Park-aid for Calgarians

The city is hoping to make commuting easier on motorists with the launch of a new iPhone app next month PAGE 3

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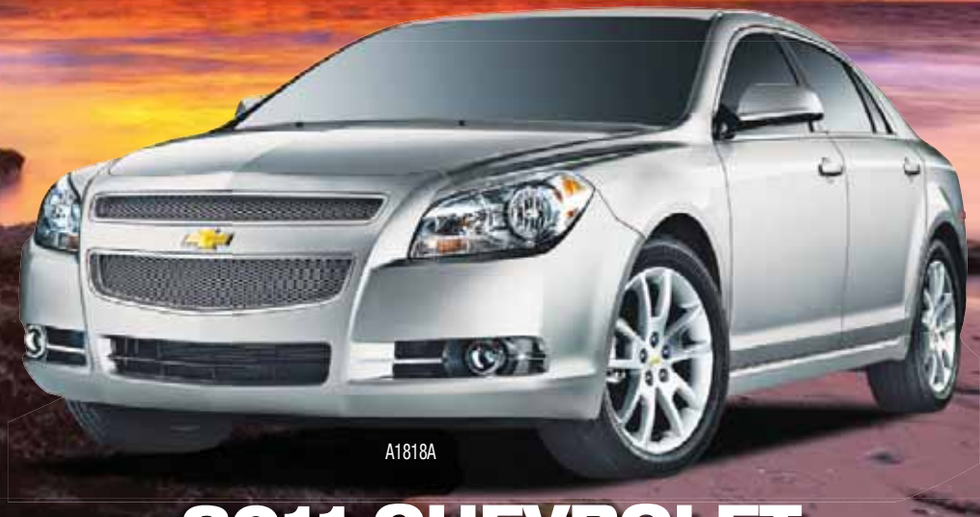

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Residential areas

Street cleaning starts early thanks to nice weather

With Calgary's warm winter, spring clean up crews have been able to roll up their sleeves and get to work early this year.

While they normally don't start until the end of April, this year crews have been able to begin street-sweeping early and have moved into residential areas a week ahead of schedule.

Sean Somers, spokesperson for the city's transportation department, said the community will need to work together over the next few weeks.

"It comes down to Calgarians becoming a good neighbour, ensuring your cars and bins are off the road," he said.

Priority this year was given to all marked and on-street bike lanes and roads with a high traffic volume. METRO

Spray paint

Vandals strike churches over Easter weekend

The spirit of Easter was tarnished after Airdrie police responded to four separate calls regarding vandalism acts over the Easter weekend.

Two churches in Airdrie were spray-painted on Friday and Saturday. RCMP investigators believe that the two incidents are connected to each other as the graffiti and spray-painted slogans are similar in appearance.

Police believe that the crimes were attempts to cause damage to the churches, but they are not considering them hate crimes.

Anyone with information about these crimes is urged to call Crime Stoppers. METRO

Calgary Parking Authority manager Troy McLeod hopes his organization's new iPhone app will help simplify commutes for city motorists. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Apps aim to ease parking woes

Technology. Calgary Parking Authority plans to release initial creation next month

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Can't find a place to park? There's soon to be an app for that.

The Calgary Parking Authority, after some tinkering and testing, is now in the final stages of developing its own iPhone app, which will, among other things, provide real-time parkade-stall availability, traditional occupancy levels for on-street parking, and GPS-based route planning and vehicle tracking in relation to parking spaces.

The final product will likely be available for public use next month.

"Really, it's about improving the parking experience overall," explained manager Troy McLeod. "We wanted to make something that was very user-friendly for people."

Users will also be able to quickly activate and deactivate parking sessions using their phone and request assistance with the press of a single button for issues like a dead batteries and flat tires through the authority's ParkAid program.

Motorists looking for help with their parking predicament prior to next month's release can also check out ParkingChimp, which was created by Calgarian Ashley Dunfield, and will likely be available for public use within days.

The app provides automated activation of parking sessions for ParkPlus members, as well as reminders to cancel it.

"What triggered it is when I called in, I always forget to cancel it later," Dunfield said.

"I would end up paying for the full two hours when I had only parked for 20 minutes."

Version 2.0

- A second version of the Calgary Parking Authority's app is likely to be released in the fall and include added features, such as reporting of stolen cars and impounded vehicles.

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On the web

Support website for Trayvon's killer is real

An attorney for George Zimmerman confirmed the authenticity of a new website that allows supporters to raise money for the neighbourhood-watch volunteer who has admitted to fatally shooting an unarmed black teen in Florida. Go to metronews.ca for the video and full story.

Mobile news

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Election promises. Tories offer up big bucks for education — if elected

PC leader Alison Redford METRO

Alberta's Progressive Conservatives are promising big bucks to fix up post-secondary institutions.

The Tories say if they win the April 23 election, about $650 million will be distributed to five schools in a three-year capital-funding commitment.

The money will go to NAIT, NorQuest College, Lethbridge College, the University of Calgary and Mount Royal University.

The party says such investments are critical to turning out the skilled workers needed to compete in the global marketplace.

The party says it has invested more than $3 billion in post-secondary projects over the past six years.

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Your candidates. Calgary-Buffalo

Cory Mack: Alberta Party

Well known in Calgary as a comedian and writer, Mack's experiences reach far beyond the stage. Much of her career has focused on the arts — a path that leads to an increased ability to get things done on a shoestring budget, under incredibly tight timelines.

Kent Hehr: Liberal

Before entering politics, Hehr was a lawyer at Fraser Milner Casgrain. He built his reputation as a community leader through public service with the Downtown West Community Association, the United Way of Calgary and the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

Rebecca Eras: NDP

Eras is a public-relations consultant with a diverse background in integrated marketing communications. As an award-winning communicator, she has planned and implemented a variety of successful projects for more than 50 companies.

Jamie Lall: PC

Lall has spent the past four years working with various non-profit initiatives, most recently with Prospect Human Services, an employment initiative geared toward supporting adults with disabilities.

Mike Blanchard: Wildrose

Blanchard is a journalist and former radio talk-show host with extensive experience covering Alberta's political scene.

Alberta is likely to need many more classrooms like this in the years ahead to keep pace with rising student populations. METRO FILE

Elected party faces tough education test

The road ahead.
Teacher layoffs, surging student population just a few problems to confront premier

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As Alberta's provincial election candidates gear up for the homestretch, education is top-of-mind for Alberta parents like Dan Furst.

His four-year-old son is preparing to head into kindergarten at a Spanish bilingual program in Calgary this fall and he has another little one that will follow a similar path in the years ahead.

While a slew of education campaign-related promises — everything from a pledge by the incumbent Progressive Conservatives to build 50 news schools and renovate 70 others, as well as plans offered by both the Wildrose and Liberals to eliminate school fees — appear promising, Furst isn't convinced any will actually come to fruition.

"We are in a competitive election," he said. "These parties will promise the moon."

The big picture

"There needs to be a big-picture look at what it is that our education system is supposed to deliver."

Jonathan Teghtmeyer, Alberta Teachers' Association spokesperson

The father of two plans to mark a ballot in favour of the Alberta Party come April 23 largely because of their push for improved early-childhood learning.

Education watchdogs are also closely watching campaign developments, and point to an estimated growth provincewide of 100,000 students over the next decade, as well as infrastructure struggles at more than half of all Alberta schools as proof the deck is stacked against education.

"We are cautiously optimistic with lots of these ideas, particularly the infrastructure model," said Jacquie Hansen, president of the Alberta School Boards Association. "We are really crying for new schools in some areas."

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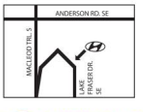

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Bomb threat

Korean jetliner diverted in B.C. after midair drama

A Korean Air flight travelling from Vancouver to Seoul was diverted to a Canadian Forces base on Vancouver Island on Tuesday after the airline received a bomb threat.

The Boeing 777 with 149 passengers aboard landed safely at CFB Comox under the escort of two U.S. fighter jets.

Korean Air said a U.S. call centre received the threat about 25 minutes after the flight took off. Korean Air spokesperson Penny Pfaelzer said from Los Angeles that the caller warned that an explosive was on board the aircraft. NORAD said two American fighter jets escorted the plane back to Comox.

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Woman kidnapped

Man seeks to appeal his conviction

A New Brunswick man found guilty of abducting a woman and sexually assaulting her for almost a month argued Tuesday that his conviction and sentence should be overturned.

Romeo Cormier, 64, told the provincial Court of Appeal in Fredericton he was not properly represented by his lawyers and the trial judge made errors.

Cormier was sentenced to 18 years in jail last August for abduction and sexual assault.

The woman testified Cormier grabbed her at knifepoint outside a Moncton, N.B., shopping mall.

She was able to escape when Cormier left to go to a food bank.

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Good for business

Skilled migrants will get a break: Feds

Ottawa has announced a new immigration program it says will make it easier for Canadian business to hire the workers most urgently needed — skilled tradespeople.

The new stream for workers in fields such as construction and manufacturing should be set up later this year, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Tuesday in Calgary.

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Mulcair gets a TV makeover: He cares … just like Jack

The family man. Olivia Chow and the NDP launch a new ad that rejects any lurch to centre and stresses party continuity

New NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair: Family man. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newly minted NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair is being introduced to Canadians as someone who will fight for ordinary families.

Just like his predecessor, Jack Layton, did.

The emphasis is on continuity, not change, in a new English television ad being launched by the federal NDP.

It features Layton's widow, NDP MP Olivia Chow, assuring viewers, "Jack's vision is in good hands."

During the seven-month leadership contest to choose Layton's successor, Mulcair was portrayed by his rivals as someone who would lurch the social democratic party to the centre of the political spectrum, turning it into an imitation of the Liberal party.

Yet the English ad features a series of, well, ordinary Canadians expressing confidence that Mulcair will champion issues closest to their hearts.

"He'll fight for my family," says a young mother, packing groceries into her car.

"He cares if I make ends meet," a tool-toting tradesman tells the TV viewers.

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Miss Universe

Pageant opens up to trans women

Transgender women will be allowed to participate in the Miss Universe beauty pageant next year, officials announced Tuesday.

They have already ruled Vancouver's Jenna Talackova, 23, can vie for the crown this year.

She had a sex change four years ago after being born a male.

Now pageant officials say they are working on the language of the official rule-policy change.

Initially, organizers in Canada disqualified Talackova from the 61st Miss Universe Canada pageant set for May, citing a rule that she must be "naturally born" a woman.

Talackova told ABC's Good Morning America' she has a boyfriend and hopes to have children some day.

She said, without elaborating, "Yes, I want to have two children."

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Surrounded by family members, Rick Santorum withdraws from the race to the White House. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Santorum quits Republican race

Rick Santorum is out.

The staunch social conservative who climbed from the basement of the polls to give Republican front-runner Mitt Romney a run for his money in the party's unpredictable presidential race has ended his campaign.

"While this presidential race is over for me, and we will suspend our campaign effective today, we are not done fighting," Santorum said in Gettysburg, Pa., on Tuesday.

"We are going to continue to fight for the Americans who stood up and gave us that air under our wings."

Santorum, who was facing a tough battle against Romney in his home state of Pennsylvania in the Republican primary on April 24, launched a tenacious campaign against the Mormon millionaire to become his No. 1 threat in the race.

The former Pennsylvania senator's departure from the race all but assures Romney will get the nomination.

Santorum was the only candidate who stood a chance of preventing Romney from amassing the 1,144 delegates needed to seal the nomination before the Republican convention in August.

Romney praised Santorum, calling him an "able and worthy competitor" and an "important voice."

The one-time Massachusetts governor vastly outspent Santorum in several close races in key swing states.

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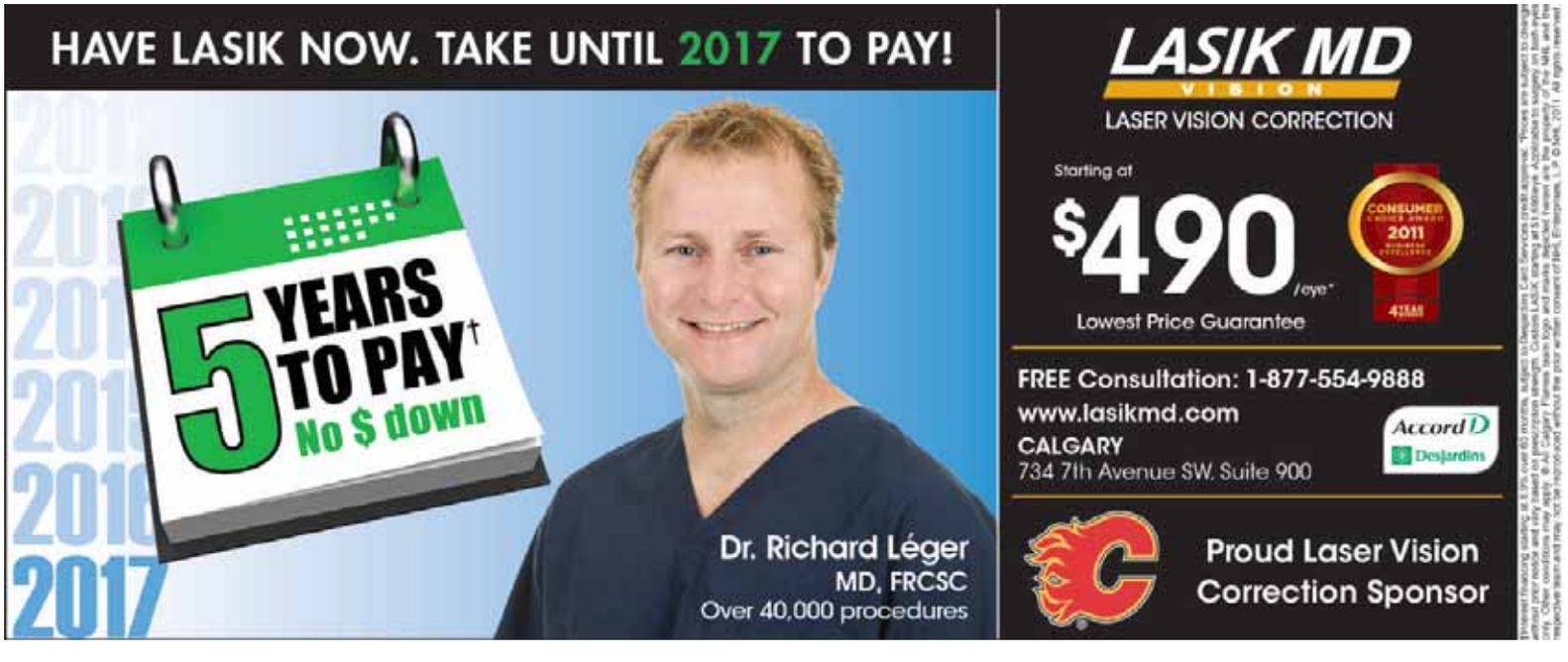

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Feeding your taste for space

An astronaut enjoys green tea and almonds — before he is subjected to spirulina and stinky cheese. CONTRIBUTED

What's on the menu in the cosmic diner?

Algae slime and spicy, smelly foods ... but also some normal dishes, freeze-dried

ANTHONY JOHNSTON
Metro World News

When budding space tourists prepare to step aboard their commercial cosmic flight, what can they expect as their in-flight meal?

"Plenty of pungent, spicy and piquant food," says food scientist Robin Fegen, who specializes in preparing space cuisine for food enthusiasts.

Fegen, 26, is the director of the Robin Collective, a London-based group of entrepreneurs that hosts experimental food banquets for trend-hungry yuppies.

After collaborating with an astronaut and a space-nutrition expert at a recent science fair, some of Fegen's dishes have been "certified" as potential food for cosmic travel, he says.

Out-of-this-world flavours

"We recommend serving a very strong cheese that has a powerful taste, as in space you lose your normal sense of smell.... Other favourites include anything doused with chili and garlic."

Robin Fegen, the Robin Collective

"Each food tries to overcome eating problems that can crop up in space," says Fegen.

"For example, we recommend serving a very strong cheese that has a powerful taste, as in space you lose your normal sense of smell."

Eighty-five to 90 per cent of taste is controlled by your olfactory organs and at zero-gravity molecules in the air don't spread out in the same way.

"Other favourites include anything doused with chili and garlic."

As refrigerators use a lot of electrical power, they are a no-no in space. Instead, food is irradiated, dehydrated or freeze-dried for preservation.

"The good thing is that most dishes on Earth can be prepared into 'flight-ready' meals," NASA food scientist Michele Perchonok tells Metro.

"Unfortunately, having pizza in space is impossible, as each component — wheat, sauce and cheese — requires at least partial gravity to prepare."

So, in space, while you sacrifice some foods, you can try new ones.

Spirulina, a green algae that is rich in protein and B vitamins, is touted as a future space crop by the European Space Agency's project MELiSSA, which researches growing food in potential lunar bases on Mars.

But as Fegen describes, "It's what I call an algal slime that tastes like a dirty fish tank."

Not over the moon for stinky cheese

Anthony Johnston takes a taste.
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I paid Robin Fegen a visit to try out his homemade space food.

First on the sampling menu is spirulina, that brownish-greenish algae that's packed with protein and B vitamins.

I got around that nasty "dirty, fish-tank" taste by eating it in a thick goo of chocolate.

The cocoa was overwhelming, while the spirulina gave a bit of a tingle on the tongue.

With gusto, I tried the algae on its own — more tingling, but this messy powder-like algae leaves a stench only a fisherman can love.

Next on the menu was chili "caviar."

No doubt inspired by the Russian space-trekking aristocracy, this dish has all the texture and complexion of real caviar — only it's made out of some brown algae and is hot 'n' spicy.

Just like caviar, expect that surprise bursting-bubble sensation on your tongue, and then a powerful pow of pepper striking your taste buds. I would still prefer to sneak on some ketchup.

Curiously, I noted that U.S. astronauts have the hots for chili, while Russian cosmonauts prefer lashings of garlic.

The stronger the flavour, the more likely you'll taste it, say space foodies.

Well, I can't say I agree with that extra-strong Stilton cheese.

If you like eating unwashed socks, tuck in. I'll stick to the spirulina, thank you.

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Q&A

Michele Perchonok
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They don't just eat from tubes

A Q&A with NASA food-scientist Michele Perchonok.

When you're up in space, are you stuck with the same food all the time?
Not at all. Right now we prepare over 180 food types; we can feed a crew with three meals a day for eight to 10 days without repeating the same meal twice.

So what type of food do NASA's astronauts eat?
Basically any food can be eaten up there, but they need to be processed so that they're not easily spoiled and can be eaten at zero-gravity. Contrary to what people may think, astronauts don't really eat puréed, condensed foods straight from a tube. The Apollo crew did, but they were only in flight for a few days. When you're up in space on longer missions, you have to have more acceptable meals. There is also a lot of psychology involved in eating there — many astronauts seek "comfort food" like macaroni and cheese that they might not normally eat on Earth.

You pick the foods astronauts get to eat. Do they have a say in it?
In fact, they do — after each mission, a crew member is debriefed and they can suggest what new foods they can eat. After enough requests from crew members, we added vegetarian chili and Caribbean jerk chicken to our menu.

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Consumer credit

Canadians yet to act on debt despite intentions: Reports

More Canadians acknowledge they may be reaching the upper limits on borrowing but they have yet to act on it, two new reports suggest.

A survey released Tuesday by accounting firm PwC found that 63 per cent of Canadians said they wanted to decrease their debt levels over the next year — up 4.5 per cent from a year earlier — and many said they were ready to cut back on discretionary spending.

But in a separate report based on actual spending patterns, Moneris Solutions found that consumers had yet to act on their intentions. The data showed that consumer credit and debit-card spending in Canada continued to grow.

For the first three months of 2012, spending was up 5.34 per cent and it appeared to be climbing, with spending in March up 6.76 per cent.

The data did not, however, include financing for homes, the largest part of household debt.

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Tech trouble. RIM likely losing money on hardware: Analyst

Research In Motion's hardware division, which makes the company's BlackBerry smartphones and PlayBook tablets, is likely losing money, a U.S. research analyst suggests.

Peter Misek, of Jefferies and Co., made the suggestion after crunching the numbers in a regulatory filing by RIM to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company doesn't break out the divisional numbers itself.

"RIM has written off inventory the last two quarters, it continues to sell the written-off inventory and we believe another write-off is likely," Misek wrote in a research note issued Tuesday morning.

Misek rates RIM as underperforming, with a target price of $12 US per share.

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A byte worth $600 billion

Apple CEO Tim Cook announces the new iPad in San Francisco last month. Apple, already the world's most valuable company, hit the $600-billion level for the first time on Tuesday.

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Market Minute

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Axe falls on CBC programs as cuts begin

Media. World-affairs radio program Dispatches and CBC News Network's Connect with Mark Kelley cancelled

Big budget cuts at the CBC are putting "everything" on the chopping block — including hit shows Republic of Doyle and Heartland, programming boss Kirstine Stewart said Tuesday, as the public broadcaster axed CBC News Network's Connect with Mark Kelley and CBC Radio's Dispatches.

Tough decisions about how to manage a $225-million shortfall will include shaving six existing or planned shows from the broadcaster's TV lineup, said Stewart, executive vice-president of CBC's English Services.

"We are making those decisions next week and we've got some pretty strong criteria to make those decisions," Stewart said after CBC staff were briefed on job and program cuts in an internal meeting.

"But in the end, what we're trying to do is protect the programming that Canadians seem to be most interested in and it will really narrow down the variety of programming that we've been able to give Canadians over the last few years."

Staff learned Tuesday that CBC TV's programming and news departments will bear the brunt of punishing cuts over the next three years. They include shuttered news bureaus in Africa and South America as well as the elimination of 88 news jobs.

"It's not a good day for CBC," said Marc-Philippe Laurin, president of the Canadian Media Guild's CBC branch. "Canadians are really going to see a difference on the TV screen and hear a difference on CBC Radio."

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Zak Starkey KATY WINN/GETTY IMAGES

Very Bad Idea Department: James McCartney, son of Paul the Beatle, was caught musing out loud the other day about forming a band composed exclusively of the sons of former Beatles: himself, Sean Lennon (John), Dhani Harrison (George) and Zak Starkey (Ringo).

James, cruelly described by the Telegraph as a "plumper, sadder, balder" version of his famous dad, told the BBC he fantasizes about being better than the Beatles. At 34, he better hurry. In fact, the whole (potential) act is in danger of geezering out before it gets started.

Sean Lennon is 36, Dhani Harrison is 33, and reluctant Beatle 2.0 Zak Starkey is 46. No wonder he's reluctant. At his age you like to be in bed by 10, which is not a rock-'n'-roll time zone. Zak is in danger of engendering Beatles 3.0: The Grand-Kids Are All Right.

There are a host of Beatle larvae waiting in the wings if these four don't want to play nice together, but they're equally venerable. Julian Lennon is 49 and plays in a band called AARP (just kidding) and Jason Starkey is a slightly more sprightly 44.

The interesting thing is that all these old guys are musicians. Less interesting, perhaps, is that, all together, their records have sold fewer copies than any of the other No. 1 hits generated by their Fab Fathers in their glory days.

Lest we forget, an album called 1, which is a compilation of all 27 of the Beatles' No. 1 hits, released in 2000, is still the biggest-selling album of the 21st century, with 31 million copies sold by the end of 2009. The Beatles are the only group to have the best-selling record in two decades: Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band dominated the '60s and 1 dominated the 2000s.

Into this epic tale wanders the warmed-over DNA of the next generation. So far, without much distinction. The most remarkable thing about their collective genius is a knack for weird band names, such as: thenewno2s, Ghost of a Sabre Tooth Tiger, Musty Jack Sponge and, my personal favourite, the Exploding Nudists. Nope. Never heard of any of them either.

One or two of the 2.0 Beatles have enjoyed individual success: Zak Starkey has been a drummer for the Who and Oasis, which can be viewed as the most successful Beatles tribute band to date. Sean and Julian Lennon had their moments, but none of those moments holds a candle to Imagine.

If the boys weren't British, this could be a Greek tragedy in which the sons are crushed by the mythic reputations of their fathers. But it's hard to feel sorry for the heirs of men who sold more than a billion records.

Even if they sing out of tune, they'll get by with a little help from their dads.

Guest hails from the Ice Age

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42,000 years old

Born in the Ice Age, returns with tell-all

The most well-preserved baby mammoth, named Lyuba, is displayed at a press preview in Hong Kong Tuesday.

The one-month-old baby mammoth of the Ice Age died 42,000 years ago and was preserved in the ice. Lyuba was found by a reindeer herder in the permafrost of the Yamal Peninsula, Siberia, in 2007.

According to the Daily Mail, she is thought to have died in a mudslide at a month old.

The mud basically "pickled" the mammoth.

"She was doing great, very healthy. She just had this terrible misfortune," palaeontologist Dan Fisher, of the University of Michigan, told the news agency.

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Research

10,000

Siberia-based scientists say they are hopeful that studying the mammoth will help explain what caused mammals from the Ice Age to vanish about 10,000 years ago.

Meets her match

- She will be exhibited in Hong Kong from April 12 to May 10.
- According to MSNBC, another young mammoth, named Yuka, with strawberry-blond hair was revealed to the world last week.

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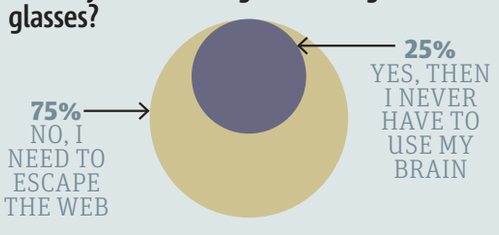

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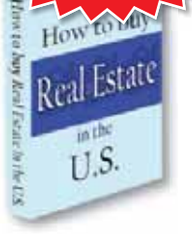

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Jolie taking on famous villain role

Angelina Jolie is turning wicked as one of Disney's most famous villains in Maleficent, a live-action twist on Sleeping Beauty that's set for release just under two years from now. Walt Disney Studios announced Monday that Maleficent is due in theatres on March 14, 2014. The film will spell out the back story of the evil enchantress in Disney's animated classic Sleeping Beauty.

On the web

Kathleen Turner says Winnipeg play taught her she wasn't "born to play ingenue"

In Focus

Some classic Stooge-filled flicks

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The Three Stooges — Larry Fine, Curly Howard and brother Moe Howard were the most famous incarnation — "nyuk! nyuk! nyuked!" their way through 220 slapstick movies in a career that spanned the heyday of vaudeville to the 1970s.

This weekend a new trio says "Hello! Hello! Hello!" in The Three Stooges, a Farrelly Brothers directed comedy. But if it's classic Stoogisms you're looking for, check out these movies:

The story of Hoi Polloi was so effective the trio recycled it twice more in the films Half-Wits Holiday and Pies and Guys.

Disorder in the Court casts the boys as star witnesses at the murder trial of their friend, a nightclub dancer.

Curly's favourite film was A Plumbing We Will Go, which featured the guys as plumbers hired to fix a leak in a mansion.

Chris Diamantopoulos, centre, leads the Stooges in the latest version of The Three Stooges franchise. HANDOUT

The lasting effect of physical comedy

The Three Stooges return to the big screen. Chris Diamantopoulos speaks to Metro about his role and the return of slapstick films

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There'll be a lot of eyes on the Farrelly Brothers' The Three Stooges.

Not only has the Friday release been a long time in construction, but the Hall Pass filmmakers insist the movie's a dedicated love letter to the slapstick legends.

We caught up to Toronto-born actor Chris Diamantopoulos (TV's 24) to discuss playing the Stooges senseless skipper, Moe Howard.

More quotes

See what Chris Diamantopoulos had to say on a wide variety of subjects.

- **Dressing up for the audition.** "When I found out about the audition, there was a memo that said 'do not arrive in character,' this is a modern take on the Stooges," said Diamantopoulos. "I thought that's stupid, I can't go in and be Moe looking like me."
- **The potential comic superstars.** "They never really got their just desserts," said Diamantopoulos. "By today's standards, especially if back when they were around there was social networking, The Stooges would've been mega-superstars."
- **The Look of Moe.** "There's this term — physiognomy — which basically means the way you're face looks affects how you sound so I had to look that way."

I know you were a fan but why did you love the Stooges?

It just comes from watching them at such an early age and knowing that my parents loved them. I started watching them when I was five or six years old … there were about 50 or 60 shorts that I knew off by heart and when my parents would want entertainment, I would just recite the whole episodes for them in the summers in Greece (because) we didn't have a TV.

Why do you think physical comedy is so endearing?

There's something universal and timeless when done right about somebody falling, slipping, randomly being hit or poked if it's instigated the right way and if the poke or hit is warranted.

It's just funny — no matter what language you speak and what era, again if it's instigated the right way — it's all about set up, pay off and timing.

The original Stooges are often considered guy's comedy. How is this different?

You're right in saying that men love the Stooges. Although it's funny — going to screenings and talking to people who've seen the movie, I'll tell you the pervading message that I'm getting is that it's the women that are falling in love with this movie…what this movie has that I think will definitely attract women is heart. It's so very emotional.

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Lindsay Lohan being accused of assault ... again

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A woman is accusing Lindsay Lohan of attacking her at a party in the Standard Hotel in West Hollywood recently, but Lohan's rep insists the troubled actress didn't even leave her home the night in question, according to TMZ.

And the website seems to be on Lohan's side, for once.

"We have spoken with six people at the hotel — some of whom were working on the night in question — and none of them saw Lindsay that evening," the site reports.

The woman in question claims she was assaulted by Lohan after chatting up a guy the actress had her eye on.

"Lindsay was absolutely not involved in any sort of altercation whatsoever. This is clearly another case of someone looking for money and 15 minutes of fame," Steve Honig, Lohan's rep, says.

"You have to wonder about someone who calls the media before the police."

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The Word

Rinna making adult diapers cool

THE WORD
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Maybe you've seen Lisa Rinna star in a new Depend adult diapers commercial. But in case you haven't, here's the recap: The 48-year-old is filmed wearing a skintight black dress on the red carpet, but, surprise, she's also wearing Depend's new Silhouette for Women line underneath that dress.

"I am wearing an evening gown, for God's sake!" she says in the commercial. "And you can't tell I have it on. Check out the boo-tay!"

She then commands her poor husband Harry Hamlin to touch her tush to check it out for himself.

Surprising? Yes. Commercials for adult diapers are not the most, say, sexy of things to star in. But Rinna swears she's not talking about incontinence in order to keep herself in lip injections — she did it for charity and women's rights.

"They donated $225,000 to Dress for Success if I tried them on in the commercial," the actress told the Huffington Post, meaning she must have pocketed a little extra on top of that donation. "That's why I did it. Plus, I loved their campaign."

It's not wearing an adult diaper that makes me roll my eyes — it's the fact that she used the word boo-tay to describe her butt.

Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus blames weight loss on allergies

Miley Cyrus is striking back against critics who speculate she has an eating disorder.

"For everyone calling me anorexic, I have a gluten and lactose allergy. It's not about weight — it's about health," Cyrus posted on Twitter. "'She won't eat 2,000 calories worth of food in one sitting? She must have a problem.' I ate today at Easter lunch but all of it was healthy and even more fulfilling! Health is happiness!"

In fact, Cyrus thinks her food allergy has been a great thing — and is encouraging her fans to dump gluten.

"Everyone should try no gluten for a week! The change in your skin, physical and mental health is amazing! You won't go back," she posted.

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LIFE

Travel in brief

Tasmanian tourism banking on Dafoe flick

Tasmanian tourism officials are hoping for spinoffs from The Hunter, a thriller starring Willem Dafoe being released this month in North American cinemas. The film was shot entirely in the Australian island state. Some of the wild locales are highlighted online at Discover Tasmania (http://bit.ly/HakKOp), the state's official tourism website. The Hunter follows Dafoe as he pursues the last Tasmanian tiger. The dog-sized beast has, in fact, been officially extinct for many years, but Discover Tasmania says there have continued to be "countless sightings, some by highly regarded scientists," and is inviting visitors to trek wilderness trails in search of a real-life specimen.

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On the Web

Bruce Willis says he's willing to give away Idaho ski area to a non-profit

Sunshine and snow — the perfect spring combination

Whistler. Pack your sunscreen and ski gear because the slopes are still open. There's plenty to do for non-skiers, too.

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Skiing or snowboarding in a T-shirt? An après-ski drink on the patio while you work on your tan? BBQ's at 6,000 feet? That's springtime in Whistler. Although the weather is warming, there are still lots of great activities and attractions — not to mention spring prices and rates — to take advantage of!

Spring skiing/snowboarding is the perfect mix of sunshine and snow.

The snow is melting elsewhere but high up on the mountains, the conditions are still great for those who can't get enough of the slopes.

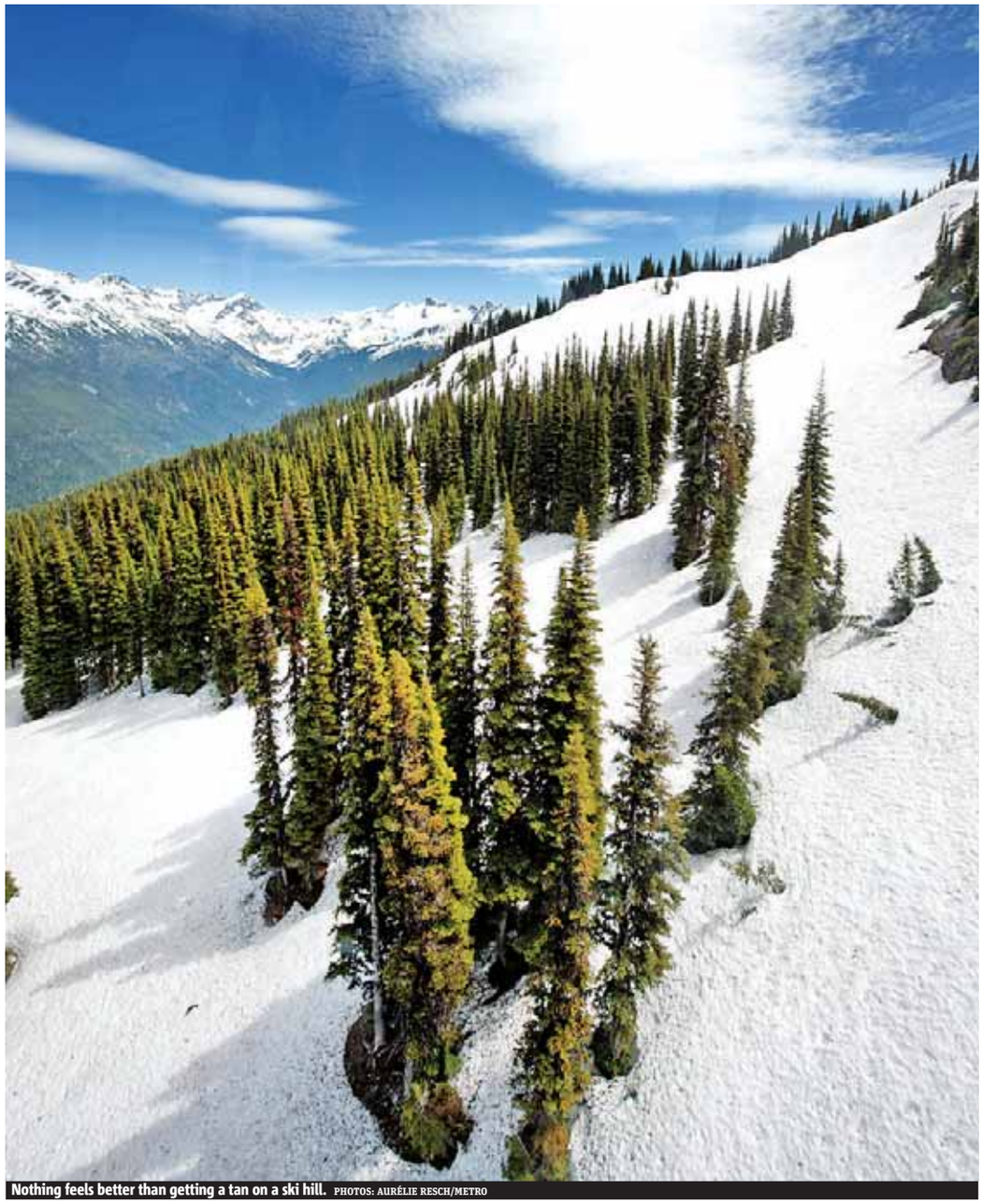
This year, the spring ski season extends through April on Whistler Mountain and through May on Blackcomb Mountain.

In June when mountain biking takes over Whistler, the hardcore skiers (or those who appreciate a little novelty) can continue to ski on Blackcomb Glacier.

For those looking for a less physically strenuous activity at Whistler, black bear watching is one option.

Whistler is home to up to 70 black bears who can be seen coming out of hibernation on the grassy slopes of the mountains during mid-to-late spring and throughout summer.

Starting mid-May, visitors can take part in a black bear viewing tour from the safety of 4x4 vehicles, where experienced nature guides will lead you to popular bear viewing spots.



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Van Gogh set to bloom in Ottawa exhibit this spring

National Gallery of Canada. A lot of legwork went into gathering pieces for exhibit — be sure to see them 'Up Close'

Van Gogh's Wheat Field with Sheaves. HANDOUT/NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA

The most difficult part of mounting a major Vincent Van Gogh exhibition in Ottawa, says Anabelle Kienle, was persuading galleries around the globe to loan out their treasured pieces.

"It was a very tough thing because Van Gogh's paintings are beloved. And when people come to institutions those are the paintings they want to see," said Kienle, co-curator of Van Gogh: Up Close, opening next month at the National Gallery of Canada.

"It took us several appeals, often, for one painting. We really travelled the world to convince those lenders to part with these pictures."

Art lovers eager to learn more about the post-Impressionist master's compelling interpretations of the natural world will be glad to know Kienle and her colleagues succeeded in borrowing his paintings that usually hang in galleries everywhere from Amsterdam to Honolulu.

The exhibition of 45 carefully selected canvases will be the first sizable display of the Dutch artist's work in Canada in more than a quarter century.

It was co-organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where the exhibition is currently displayed.

The show, which appears in Ottawa from May 25 to Sept. 3, focuses on Van Gogh's detailed depiction of nature in the paintings he produced in France during the final three-and-a-half, often trying, years of his life.

Upon moving to Paris in 1886, Van Gogh drew on the hallmarks of Impressionism, incorporating vivid colour and bold brush work into his painting. He also began experimenting with perspective and presentation, creating still-life images and outdoor scenes without a traditional background, focusing instead on blossoms, sheaves and tree trunks.

The idea for the show sprang from a conversation six years ago between Kienle, the National Gallery's assistant curator of European and American art, and longtime associate Cornelia Homburg, an independent scholar in France and guest curator on the project.

Homburg noted the National Gallery had long held Van Gogh's well-known 1889 work Iris, painted soon after he admitted himself to an asylum with a walled garden in St-Remy-de-Provence. The iconic picture, a lively burst of green and blue, is emblematic of the close-up views of trees, flowers and fields that came to characterize his later style.

"I actually noticed that this is something that Van Gogh has done in his work, but nobody has ever addressed it in scholarship," said Kienle.

Iris and the 1886 work Bowl with Zinnias and Other Flowers are the National Gallery's contributions to the exhibition.

"It's always nice as a curator if you have paintings in your collection that you can use as a starting point," said Kienle.

"That's the ideal, so that you frame what the Canada collection already has in a new light — so that people also see a painting in a different context and appreciate it even more."

Van Gogh's oeuvre was largely unappreciated during his lifetime, and it is believed he shot himself at age 37. He left more than 2,000 artworks and a trove of revealing letters, including many to his dear brother Theo, an art dealer.

Today he is known not only as a primary influence on leading 20th-century painters, but as a complex artist whose work beguiles gallery-goers and commands staggering prices at auction.

"He's a daunting figure for any art historian because he's been studied in such depth, and he's so incredibly versatile and somebody who's very hard to grasp," said Kienle.

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If you go...

- **Van Gogh: Up Close.** May 25 to Sept. 3, 2012. National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr., Ottawa. Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays to 8 p.m. Last ticket of the day issued 90 minutes before exhibition's closing.
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Anna Olson makes sweet endings a little bit sweeter

Anna Olson films her new series out of her own kitchen in the Niagara, Ont. area. She often donates extra treats to local shelters and hospices. HANDOUT

DELIA MACPHERSON
For Metro Canada

Anna Olson sums up how she stays in such great shape (despite all the sweets) in one word: balance.

"I love my breakfasts," she says. "I eat oatmeal. It keeps me from snacking on the wrong things throughout the day."

Like decadent cookies and moist cakes? "It's not good to deny yourself a treat, just like it's not good to over indulge," adds the celebrity chef, whose new show, Bake with Anna Olson, starts airing Thursday on the Food Network Canada.

The show features baking tips that have taken Olson years to figure out, like using a whisk to fold egg whites into batter rather than a spatula, or double-checking your measuring spoons and cups for accuracy. "You'd be surprised on how many are wrong," she says.

Olson recommends that if you're going to eat sweets, bake them yourself, because homemade baked goods taste better than store-bought and don't have overly processed ingredients. "Baking at home means you control the ingredients, so you know exactly what's going in," she says. "When you're baking, you bake to share."

Making homemade, she adds, can also allow you to control the portions. For example, make cookies twice as small so you only eat half a portion.

Bake with Anna Olson also airs on Saturdays.

Top 5 Pie Crust Tips

1. Relax and don't listen to your inner negativity.
2. Don't add too much water and don't let it get too warm.
3. Follow the recipe. If it calls for ice-cold butter, it probably needs ice-cold water too.
4. You don't need fancy tools. Pie pastry can be brought together with two knives.
5. Practice makes perfect.

Pie Dough. This crust is ideal with wet fillings like coconut cream

This recipe is designed for pies that have a wet filling, such as pumpkin, coconut cream and butter tarts. Make a half recipe if you just need a single crust.

1. Combine flour, sugar and salt in a bowl. Cut in butter by hand with pastry cutter until only small pieces of butter are visible and mix begins to take on pale yellow colour.

2. Stir water and lemon juice together. Add to dough, mixing until the dough just comes together. Shape dough into two discs, wrap and chill for at least two hours before rolling. Alternatively, dough can be frozen for up to three months and thawed in the fridge before rolling.

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Ingredients

- 2 ¼ cups cake & pastry flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- ¾ tsp salt
- 1 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 6 tbsp cold water
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

Top travel tips. Advice for students hoping to learn in another land

• Immerse yourself in the culture: a large part of studying abroad is to experience another culture. You can broaden your perspective by learning the local language, making friends with domestic students and researching the country's history and cultural practices.

• Take rewarding academic courses: take advantage of the interesting courses not offered at your home school. Some courses are also more interesting when they are learned abroad — imagine learning art history in France or taking Italian in Italy! TRACY ZHANG

Worldliness at work

Leverage the experience professionally

- Having an international experience on the resumé can help you stand out in the workforce. Even if it doesn't help you connect with potential employers, at the very least it makes for an interesting discussion in an interview setting. Some of my friends who studied abroad also networked with alumni in the country and landed international job offers.

Tracy Zhang and friends in France. SUBMITTED

Travel became my teacher: On education in another nation

Books in a backpack.
How studying abroad can benefit you both academically and professionally

TRACY ZHANG
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From watching the sun set over the Acropolis in Athens to watching the Christmas lights light up Champs-Elysée, some of my best memories are from studying abroad.

The strength of its international exchange program was one of the reasons I chose to study at the Queen's University School of Business, and I was determined to make the most out of the opportunity by spending two semesters abroad.

In September of 2010, I set out to study in France at HEC Paris International Business School; by January 2011, I had bid France farewell and headed for England, where I studied at the Bader International Study Centre.

I enrolled in an international policy course taught by a Harvard professor, a class on French culture and another on French society. By the end of the semester, not only did I learn how to do business in France, but I also gained a strong understanding of the French education system, government, economy and, of course, gastronomy.

Tracy Zhang and friends in Athens, Greece. SUBMITTED

When it was time to go to the UK, I became so interested in the business landscape in Europe that I decided to pursue my undergrad degree specialization in international business.

Outside of the classroom, I was anxious to explore Europe since it was my first time there. I invested in a train pass on a student discount and journeyed all over the continent — to 19 countries to be exact. As a way to document my travels, I also began to publish photographs from my trips on my blog.

When my blog's following edged past 700 subscribers, I began to receive emails from magazines and tourism boards asking to publish my photographs. Studying and travelling in Europe not only opened the door for me to freelance as a photographer, but also helped me connect with many other travel enthusiasts.

After I returned home from Europe to begin my summer internship, I learned that my manager had just moved to Canada from France. We immediately bonded over my exchange experience in Paris. Having that common ground allowed me to build great rapport with my manager, who provided me with constant professional support throughout the summer.

When I look back on my time in Europe, I feel lucky to have been able to explore another continent, enrich my academic life, and leverage the experience in the workplace. My year abroad benefited me immensely — I can't imagine my university education any other way!

Business abroad

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A cultural classroom.
Translating lessons learned on the road into the working world

JUSTINE ABIGAIL YU
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Travelling, for all its splendour, entails hardship. And hardship brings out skills that'll prove to be invaluable in the workforce. Here are two I learned while on the road…

You've got to be enterprising.

The word itself reeks of business savvy, doesn't it? But seriously, when you're on the road in some foreign country with nothing but a backpack and a few bucks in your bank account, you've got no choice but to be enterprising and resourceful.

The same is true in a business context. There'll always be a time when you've got limited resources, time or knowledge but you've got to muster up all of your creativity and find a way to work with what you've got. And trust me, there is always a way.

Cultural sensitivity and communication is everything.

Learning how to say something as simple as thank you in Khmer or Thai (aw kuhn or khob-kun-Ka, respectively) while bowing your head deeply to show your utmost respect goes a long way. Awareness of people's cultural, spiritual and religious traditions is a trait that is not only important in the workforce but in life in general. In our highly globalized world, where we are in contact with individuals with such varied backgrounds, communicating with cultural sensitivity and understanding can set you apart from many others who have not had this first-hand experience overseas.

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Student Voice

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Like most students, I had always felt that I wanted to be able to travel the world once I was done school.

However, I was also anxious to start my career and be able to fund my travels so that I would gain valuable work experience while visiting new places.

Around the time of my final exams, a new AIESEC internship became available: it was an opportunity for 20 Canadians to work abroad in Brazil for eight months with a global mining company.

After a multi-step selection process, through both AIESEC and the mining company, in August I was on a plane to the "cidade maravilhosa" of Rio de Janeiro.

I made a lot of new friends while abroad, had the opportunity to tour around Brazil as well as Argentina, and have learned not only Portuguese but gained valuable life experiences.

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From teacher to tablet: Gadgets find their place in the classroom

My iPad ate my homework.
The Bring your own Gadget movement is gaining speed in Ontario schools

Ontario's elementary school curriculum spells out that all Grade 3 students must learn about the similarities and differences between urban and rural communities, although it leaves it up to teachers to figure out the best way to impart that knowledge.

As unconventional as it might sound, some kids are getting a lesson by playing SimCity on an iPad. On a recent day at the HTS independent school in Richmond Hill, Ont., a small class of Grade 3 students continued their social studies learning by tapping and swiping at iPads, building a city from the ground up.

Some of the eight- and nine-year-old kids were quietly engrossed at the task at hand, intently micromanaging their city as it grew and problems emerged, while others excitedly showed off their creations to nearby classmates.

"I just lost 1,000 people, why did they move away?"

"What's a seaport? Oh, there's a hot tub!"

"They want a landfill, they're going to get a landfill."

"I had an earthquake!"

"What's a residential tax?"

Over the course of the year, the school has been experimenting with ways to integrate the iPad into classrooms and use it as a learning tool. By September, teachers will be fully prepped on how to teach the whole curriculum with the help of tablets and computers.

HTS isn't the first school to OK the use of tablets in class and plenty more will be on board in time for the next school year.

The Peel District School Board in Ontario, with 234 schools and almost 153,000 students, is encouraging students to BYOD — bring your own device, including smartphones, tablets and laptops — starting in September.

"School boards have really struggled with how to keep up in terms of technology, it's impossible financially to afford the level of computers that we need for students," said the school board's director of communications Brian Woodland.

"The Ontario government has now permanently reduced our funding for technology.... We heard from the system that we have to do things differently."

While education activists have expressed concern that many students can't afford pricey new gadgets, Woodland said that bringing a device would by no means be mandatory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Race for relevancy

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Brian Woodland, Director of Communications for the Peel District School Board

Will kids be able to stay focused with a bevy of distractions in front of them? Peel District School Board Director of Communications Brian Woodland says teachers are already used to dealing with that challenge. ISTOCK

Funding the future

Internet investment

The Peel District School Board is investing $7 million from its reserve fund to implement wireless Internet access at all its schools and help supply equipment for students who don't have it.

Kids are already bringing computers, phones and tablets to class, noted Brian Woodland, so it won't be a radically different experience for teachers or students come September. People are always asking how kids will stay focused with a bevy of distractions in front of them but teachers are already used to dealing with that challenge, he added.

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Some downward dog at your desk?

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Balancing act

Have you been feeling a little wobbly at work?

- To restore balance, Radding suggests this move:

"Stand on one foot whenever possible – during phone calls, in front of the copier. Simply tuck one foot around the opposite ankle and balance."

Namaste needed. looking for some relief at your nine-to-five? Give your body and your soul a little breather

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Is your stress ball worn through?

If tension at work is leading to tension in your muscles, it can affect your mood and performance.

For quick relief and a little desk-side Zen, take some cues from yoga.

Breathe

Angie Norris, co-founder of Philadelphia yoga hot spot Studio 34, reminds us to breathe — and breathe slowly.

"Slowing and deepening the breath stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system, slows the heart rate, lowers blood pressure and increases the flow of oxygen," she explains.

"This translates into reduced stress, increased relaxation and increased energy."

Stretch

To ease tension, stress and negative mid-afternoon thoughts, stretch it out.

Nancy Byrd Radding, fitness director of The Oaks at Ojai spa in California, recommends this sequence: "Stand up. Breathe. Lift your arms up in Tall Mountain pose.

Do a side stretch next — one hand on the hip, the other arm over the head — creating a crescent shape with the body.

Stretch the eyes by looking slowly side to side, up and down, diagonally, and roll the eyes in circles. Stretch the neck by releasing each ear to its shoulder, then turn the neck side to side, up and down."

Twist

Taylor Wells, president of Prana Power Yoga, praises the benefits of a simple, yet effective, spinal twist.

You don't even need to get out of your seat for this activity.

"From seated, bring both feet flat on the floor," she instructs.

"Place your hands on your arm rests and gently twist your torso to the right.

Hold for five breaths and then take it back to center and to the other side."

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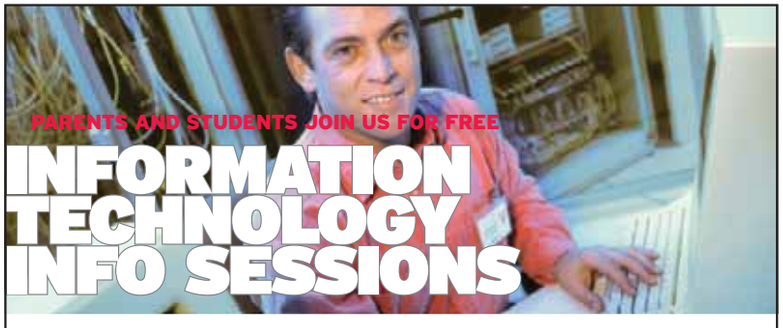

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A quick search online will not a successful case make. ISTOCK

One individual's story, related below, should make people pause before hiring their next lawyer.

Recently, a gentleman came to me seeking a second opinion following a dispute with his original lawyer.

The client had found this lawyer online and was attracted to him because he professed experience in "labour law". Without a proper meeting or as much as a conversation, this lawyer agreed to take on his case.

This should have been the first red flag. It is virtually impossible for a lawyer to properly explain the strengths and weaknesses of a case without even first discussing it with the client.

The client gave this lawyer a hefty fee to start the case — which he did, but not without error. There were a number of legal issues that had been argued incorrectly or without regard to the current state of the law. This had the effect of prejudicing the client's case right from the start, which was not lost on his ex-employer and its lawyer, who shrewdly brought a preliminary motion to dismiss the matter, arguing the case could never succeed.

What's worse is that when the lawyer was served with the court files seeking to dismiss his client's case he suddenly turned on his client, arguing that the client had not disclosed necessary information to him when they first spoke that would allow him to properly argue his case.

When the client voiced his disagreement, the lawyer fired him, arguing there was "breakdown of trust".

It is apparent to me what happened here. The lawyer had very limited experience in workplace law, despite professing otherwise on his website and to the client. Therefore, when the case hit a bump (caused by the lawyer's own error), he was unsure how to respond and he turned on his client so that he would have a reason to withdraw.

This situation could have been avoided had the client properly selected his lawyer from the outset. What should he have done? Always enquire what percentage of a lawyer's time is spent practicing in the area he or she is needed for — so that you do not pay for their education.

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IIHF Hockey

Nugent-Hopkins joins Canada

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is set to extend a memorable season by joining Canada for the IIHF World Hockey Championship.

The Edmonton Oilers rookie accepted an invitation Tuesday after receiving medical clearance from the Oilers. Nugent-Hopkins missed time this season with a shoulder injury, but was eager for the opportunity to represent his country.

"It's always something I wanted to do," he said. "Getting asked is a big honour for me."

The NHL's top goal-scorer, Steven Stamkos, has elected to rest his shoulder and will not travel to Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins
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NFL

Brees says Saints OK without Payton

Drew Brees is sticking up for the Saints and said they'll continue to thrive despite coach Sean Payton's season-long suspension for his role in New Orleans' bounty system.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

"When you make a mistake like this, you can't sleep."

Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen apologized Tuesday after being suspended five games by the team for telling Time magazine that he admired Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Feaster faces the music

NHL. Flames GM has busy off-season ahead after failing to make the post-season again

It was a conversation Jay Feaster didn't think he'd be having and one he doesn't want to be repeating a year from now.

Heading into his first full season as Calgary's general manager last fall, Feaster thought the Flames had what it took to earn a playoff berth.

But on Tuesday, he found himself apologizing to fans for missing the post-season for a third straight year.

"When last season ended, I really thought that we were close," Feaster said. "The fact that we're here meeting with you (the media) here today on April 10 is disappointing, and it's frustrating for us as an organization and it is not acceptable to this organization. This is not where we expected to be. We expected to be preparing for the playoffs."

Quoted

"I will be reviewing every player in the organization and every member of the hockey operation staff."

Jay Feaster, Flames GM

"We have a very, very busy off-season ahead of us," said Feaster, adding that he didn't want to talk about individual players or members of the coaching staff at this point. "It's clear that we need to make changes. We're going to have to do a number of things in the off-season, because this is not a situation that I want to be in next year."

Head coach Brent Sutter, whose three-year contract is up this year, also met with the media and explained that both he and the players realize that changes in the off-season are looming.

"They understand it as well as I do as far as ... you miss playoffs three years in a row with virtually the same group, you know you've got to expect there's going to be some heavy discussions done and evaluations," Sutter said. "You've got think there's certainly going to be some changes."
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Blue Jays even up series with Red Sox

Blue Jay Brett Lawrie hustles to beat a throw to first base in Toronto on Tuesday. Catcher J.P. Arencibia's bases-loaded single highlighted a three-run sixth inning as Toronto defeated the Boston Red Sox 7-3. Arencibia's blast to centre field off reliever Justin Thomas scored two runs and helped Toronto even its three-game series with Boston, delighting the crowd of 26,251. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Oilers general manager Steve Tambellini on the TSN set after his team was selected for the third year in a row as number 1 in the NHL draft lottery Tuesday in Toronto. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL draft lottery. Edmonton Oilers get top pick for a third straight year

The Edmonton Oilers have won the NHL's draft lottery.

Edmonton will get to pick first overall in the league's annual amateur draft for the third year in a row.

Sarnia Sting forward Nail Yakupov is expected to be the top pick.

The Columbus Blue Jackets will pick second, followed by the Montreal Canadiens, New York Islanders and Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Oilers had an 18.8 per cent chance of winning the first-overall pick.

The draft will be in Pittsburgh on June 22.
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Top 10 draft order

- Edmonton, Columbus, Montreal, N.Y. Islanders, Toronto, Anaheim, Minnesota, Carolina, Winnipeg, Tampa Bay.

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"Patrick is impulsive and a guy who says what he thinks. When you win, the media are OK, but when you lose, you become a target. And Patrick, as coach, would be more of a media target because of his temperament."

Guy Lafleur on Tuesday. The Montreal Canadiens legend isn't among those who believe former all-star goaltender Patrick Roy should be the team's next coach. The Canadiens recently fired GM Pierre Gauthier as the team limped toward the end of a disastrous season. And they will also probably be looking for a new coach this spring to replace Randy Cunneyworth, whose coaching title carries the "interim" tag.

"I'm not saying he couldn't do it, but I'd see him more as general manager."

Guy Lafleur

On the web

Canada hammered Russia at the women's world hockey championship on Tuesday, but Canadian captain Hayley Wickenheiser wasn't satisfied — particularly with the Russian hockey federation. Scan the code for the story.

Let the Flyers-Pens 'bloodbath' begin

NHL. Crosby, Malkin downplay Flyers' trash talk ahead of Game 1

Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin spent last spring watching their Pittsburgh Penguins teammates try to carry on without them, a burden that became too much during a seven-game loss to upstart Tampa Bay in the opening round.

A year later, the helpless feeling of trudging around in a suit while the franchise they expected to carry to a Stanley Cup floundered on the ice below them remains fresh.

The memory of the long ride down the elevator from the press box to the quiet dressing room following a listless 1-0 defeat in Game 7 is why Crosby never considered shutting it down this season despite a 15-month battle with concussion-like symptoms while Malkin became arguably the best player in the world while playing on a completely rebuilt knee.

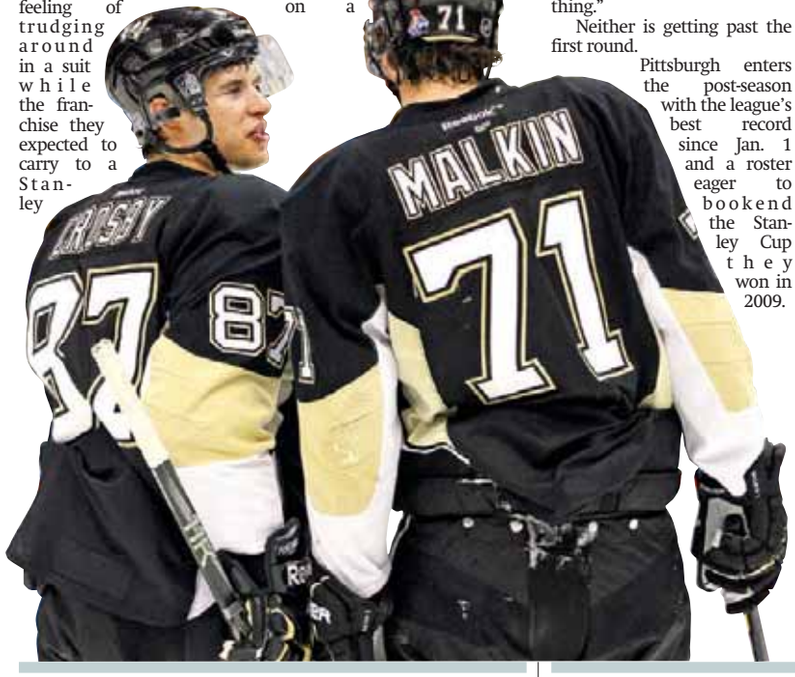
It's also why neither player is eager to engage in a war of words with rival Philadelphia in the run-up to Pittsburgh's first-round meeting with the Flyers starting Wednesday.

The opponent is almost immaterial to two players used to writing "playoffs" on their calendar every season in ink, not pencil.

"I think, if anything, you just appreciate being in the playoffs even more," Crosby said. "It's not an automatic thing."

Neither is getting past the first round.

Pittsburgh enters the post-season with the league's best record since Jan. 1 and a roster eager to bookend the Stanley Cup they won in 2009.



Quoted

"You know, I'm not afraid of anything. I'm afraid of bears — bears in the forest."

Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov on the series vs. the Penguins.

Meanwhile, Philadelphia traded veterans Jeff Carter and Mike Richards following a second-round loss to Boston last year, yet barely missed a beat.

The players change but the mindset in Philadelphia does not. The Flyers are still aggressive, both on the ice and in front of a microphone.

Coach Peter Laviolette didn't hesitate to call Pittsburgh's Dan Bylsma "gutless" for sending out a checking line in the late stages of a 6-4 Philadelphia win on April 1, a move that led to a brawl following Joe Vitale's punishing — if clean — hit on Philadelphia's Danny Briere.

Perhaps, but the Flyers have a way of getting underneath the skin of an opponent. Forward Scott Hartnell embraces the villain role better than any player in the league.

He talked openly about wanting to punch Malkin, Crosby and defenceman Kris Letang in the face if given the opportunity and has predicted the series will turn into a "bloodbath." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canucks. Sedin's status up in the air ahead of Game 1

The Vancouver Canucks kick off the NHL playoffs Wednesday night against the Los Angeles Kings, but whether Daniel Sedin will be on the ice remains a mystery.

The Canucks star was a no-show at practice but skated with a few teammates afterward. He had been scheduled to speak to reporters, a session the club promoted on its website beforehand. But he was not made available.

"It's a unique injury, and he will continue the protocol," said coach Alain Vigneault. "When he's ready to play, he'll address you. Until that time, he won't talk to you."

Hopes were raised Monday when Sedin, out with a concussion since March 21, practised with the team for the first time since he was injured. While he didn't speak to the media, his teammate and twin brother Henrik said he was "100 per cent." Daniel Sedin was expected to take part in his second team workout Tuesday.

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Daniel Sedin GETTY IMAGES/FILE

Capitals. Third-stringer Holtby expected to start

Braden Holtby GETTY IMAGES/FILE

Washington Capitals goalie Michal Neuvirth is uncertain whether he'll be able to play in the first-round playoff series against the Boston Bruins.

Neuvirth returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since injuring his left leg last week, but wasn't able to stay on the ice. Asked if he thinks he'll play against Boston, he said: "I don't have the answer."

Tomas Vokoun is more pessimistic. He skated before practice on his injured groin and said: "I'm disappointed as anyone that it turned out this way, but I try and I just can't do it. It's a groin, and for a goalie that's essential."

Third-choice Braden Holtby is expected to make his playoff debut in Game 1 in Boston on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rangers (1) vs. Senators (8)

Season series: Ottawa went 3-1-0.

Lowdown: The Senators exceeded expectations and believe they're in position to pull off an upset. The Sens had success against a Rangers team that was the class of the East. New York, led by goalie Henrik Lundqvist, boasts a less potent attack than the Sens.

Pick: Rangers in six.

Bruins (2) vs. Capitals (7)

Season series: Washington went 3-1-0.

Lowdown: The Bruins begin their quest for another cup against a Capitals team that could be dangerous with Nicklas Backstrom and Mike Green returning from injuries. Key players Tim Thomas, Zdeno Chara, Patrice Bergeron and the emerging Tyler Seguin remain in Boston.

Pick: Bruins in six.

Panthers (3) vs. Devils (6)

Season series: Florida went 2-1-1.

Lowdown: The Panthers finished with fewer points but got the higher seed by winning their division. The Devils' Ilya Kovalchuk is the series' best player but has played in just nine playoff games.

Pick: Devils in five.

Penguins (4) vs. Flyers (5)

Season series: Philadelphia went 4-2-0.

Lowdown: It's being billed as the series to watch. The storylines are endless — from Sidney Crosby's playoff return to Jaromir Jagr and Max Talbot returning to Pittsburgh as Flyers, to questions surrounding Philly goalie Ilya Bryzgalov. The only guarantee is one contender will be eliminated.

Pick: Pens in seven.

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Canucks (1) vs. Kings (8)

Season series: Vancouver went 2-1-1.

Lowdown: Regular-season champs for a second straight year, Vancouver is looking to get one more win this spring than last. Arguably the only reason L.A. got into the playoffs is goalie Jonathan Quick, who registered 10 shutouts.

Pick: Canucks in seven.

Blues (2) vs. Sharks (7)

Season series: St. Louis went 4-0-0.

Lowdown: The jockeying started early with Sharks coach Todd McLellan pronouncing his team the underdog and noting the pressure St. Louis is under. While that's true based on the regular season, San Jose holds an undisputed edge in playoff experience after advancing to the Western Conference final the last two years.

Pick: St. Louis in five.

Coyotes (3) vs. Blackhawks (6)

Season series: Phoenix went 3-1-0.

Lowdown: The Coyotes are trying to win their first playoff series. They have drawn Chicago, with a captain (Jonathan Toews) who has concussion problems and a goalie (Corey Crawford) who is struggling.

Pick: Hawks in five.

Predators (4) vs. Wings (5)

Season series: Tied 3-3-0.

Lowdown: This series pits the up-and-comers (Nashville) against the wily veterans (Detroit). Preds GM David Poile believes he's built a cup contender. But Detroit has lost just once in the first round since the lockout and have welcomed back a number of injured players.

Pick: Preds in seven.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
Tomorrow's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 16
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-Ottawa at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 23
x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD
Thursday, April 26
x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
Tomorrow's game
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 16
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
Friday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 20
x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
Tonight's game
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 22
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD
Tuesday, April 24
x-Vancouver at Los Angeles, TBD
Thursday, April 26
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
Tomorrow's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 16
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
Tonight's game
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Nashville at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 20
x-Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

NHL DRAFT LOTTERY

At Toronto

Results last night from the NHL's lottery to determine the opening positions for the 2012 entry draft, to be held June 22-23 in Pittsburgh:

1. Edmonton Oilers; 2. Columbus Blue Jackets; **3. Montreal Canadiens**; 4. New York Islanders; **5. Toronto Maple Leafs**; 6. Anaheim Ducks; 7. Minnesota Wild; 8. Carolina Hurricanes; **9. Winnipeg Jets**; 10. Tampa Bay Lightning. 11. Washington Capitals (from Colorado); 12. Buffalo Sabres; 13. Dallas Stars; **14. Calgary Flames.**

HOCKEY

IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Burlington, Vt.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-U.S.	3	3	0	0	0	29	2	9
y-Canada	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**19**	**12**	**6**
x-Finland	3	1	0	0	2	7	18	3
x-Russia	3	0	0	0	3	5	28	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	9	5	6
x-Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	7	6	6
Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	6	9	3
Germany	3	1	0	0	2	6	8	3

x — advanced to quarter-finals.
y — advanced to Friday's semifinals.
Note: Three points for a regulation win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
Canada 14 Russia 1
Slovakia 4 Germany 2
Switzerland 3 Sweden 2
U.S. Finland
End of Round Robin
PLAYOFFS
Today's games — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Quarter-finals
Russia vs. Switzerland, 3 p.m.
Finland vs. Sweden, 7 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
Slovakia vs. Germany, 5 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	3	1	.750	—
Baltimore	3	2	.600	½
Toronto	3	2	.600	½
New York	2	3	.400	1½
Boston	1	4	.200	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	2
Kansas City	2	2	.500	2
Cleveland	1	3	.250	3
Minnesota	0	4	.000	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	4	1	.800	—
Seattle	3	3	.500	1½
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1½
Oakland	2	3	.400	2

Yesterday's results
Toronto 7 Boston 3
Detroit 5 Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 5 Baltimore 4 (12 innings)
Texas 1 Seattle 0
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland (ppd., rain)
Kansas City at Oakland
Monday's results
Boston 4 Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 4 Cleveland 2
L.A. Angels 5 Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees 6 Baltimore 2
Oakland 1 Kansas City 0
Texas 11 Seattle 5
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-1) at Cleveland (Masterson 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 0-0) at Toronto (R.Romero 0-0), 12:37 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 0-0) at Oakland (McCarthy 0-1), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-0) at Baltimore (Arrieta 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Millwood 0-0) at Texas (Lewis 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 1-0) at Minnesota (Pavano 0-1), 8:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 3

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	3	2	0	0	YEscor ss	5	2	2	0
Pedroia 2b	5	0	3	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	1	1	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	1	3	Bautist rf	4	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	0	2	1
Youkils 3b	4	0	2	0	Encrnc dh	3	2	2	2
Sweeny rf	3	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	2	1
C.Ross lf	4	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
Sltlmch c	3	0	0	0	Arencii c	4	0	1	2
Punto ss	4	1	1	0	Rasms cf	3	0	0	1
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**7**	**11**	**7**
Boston					**000 001 002 — 3**				
Toronto					**102 003 10x — 7**				

DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Boston 10, Toronto 6. 2B—Pedroia (3), Ad.Gonzalez (1), Youkilis (1), Sweeney (2), C.Ross (1), Lind (2). HR—Encarnacion (1). SB—Encarnacion 2 (2), Lawrie (1). SF—Ad.Gonzalez, Rasmus.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bard L,0-1	5	8	5	5	1	6
J.Thomas	1	1	1	1	1	0
Bowden	2	2	1	1	0	3
Toronto						
Drabek W,1-0	5 1-3	3	1	1	3	4
Frasor H,1	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
L.Perez	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	3	2	2	1	3

Bard pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
Umpires—Home, Tim McClelland; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Brian Runge; Third, Marvin Hudson.
T—3:19. A—26,351 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	1	.800	—
Washington	3	2	.600	1
Miami	2	3	.400	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2½
Atlanta	1	4	.200	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	1	.833	—
Houston	3	2	.600	1½
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1½
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	2
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	2½
Chicago	1	4	.200	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	3	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
Colorado	1	3	.250	2½
San Diego	1	3	.250	2½
San Francisco	1	3	.250	2½

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 6 Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers 2 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 7 Chicago Cubs 4
St. Louis 3 Cincinnati 2
Washington 6 N.Y. Mets 2
Arizona at San Diego
Monday's results
Houston 8 Atlanta 3
Miami 6 Philadelphia 2
Milwaukee 7 Chicago Cubs 5
N.Y. Mets 4 Washington 3
San Francisco 7 Colorado 0
St. Louis 7 Cincinnati 1
Today's games — All Times Eastern
St. Louis (Garcia 1-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Saunders 0-0) at San Diego (Luebke 0-1), 6:35 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 0-1) at Philadelphia (Halladay 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Delgado 0-0) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 0-1) at Colorado (Guthrie 1-0), 8:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Bedard 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	13	7	6	.538	158	153	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	½
Buffalo	13	5	8	.385	159	168	2
Rochester	13	5	8	.385	159	164	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	14	11	3	.786	195	150	—
x-Colorado	13	10	3	.769	174	159	½
Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	157	158	4½
Edmonton	12	4	8	.333	125	135	6
Washington	13	4	9	.308	141	157	6½

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	5	5	0	0	8	1	15
New York	4	2	2	0	10	7	6
Columbus	3	2	1	0	3	2	6
Houston	3	2	1	0	2	2	6
New England	5	2	3	0	4	6	6
D.C. United	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Chicago	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Montreal	6	1	4	1	5	12	4
Philadelphia	4	0	3	1	2	6	1
Toronto	4	0	4	0	2	9	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	6	5	1	0	11	4	15
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	2	12
Colorado	5	3	2	0	7	7	9
Vancouver	5	2	1	2	4	3	8
Seattle	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Dallas	5	2	2	1	6	8	7
Chivas USA	5	2	3	0	3	4	6
Portland	5	1	3	1	7	8	4
Los Angeles	4	1	3	0	5	8	3

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Columbus at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 4 p.m.
Chivas USA at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at New York, 7 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Blackburn 2 Liverpool 3

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Brighton 0 Reading 1
Portsmouth 0 Millwall 1

LEAGUE ONE

Rochdale 2 Sheffield United 5

FRANCE

FRENCH CUP

SEMIFINALS
Yesterday's result
Gazelec Ajaccio 0 Lyon 4

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results
Augsburg 1 Stuttgart 3
Hertha Berlin 1 Freiburg 2
Mainz 4 Cologne 0
Werder Bremen 2 Borussia Moenchengladbach 2

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's result
Chievo Verona 0 AC Milan 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Barcelona 4 Getafe 0
Osasuna 2 Espanyol 0
Real Sociedad 1 Real Betis 1

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	43	14	.754	—
x-Miami	40	16	.714	2½
Indiana	35	22	.614	8
d-Boston	33	24	.579	10
Atlanta	34	23	.596	9
Orlando	34	24	.586	9½
Philadelphia	30	27	.526	13
New York	29	27	.518	13½
Milwaukee	28	29	.491	15
Detroit	21	36	.368	22
New Jersey	21	38	.356	23
Cleveland	19	36	.345	23
Toronto	20	38	.345	23½
Washington	14	44	.241	29½
Charlotte	7	49	.125	35½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	42	15	.737	—
x-San Antonio	40	15	.727	1
d-L.A. Lakers	36	22	.621	6½
L.A. Clippers	34	23	.596	8
Memphis	33	23	.589	8½
Houston	32	25	.561	10
Dallas	32	26	.552	10½
Denver	31	26	.544	11
Phoenix	30	27	.526	12
Utah	30	28	.517	12½
Portland	27	31	.466	15½
Minnesota	25	33	.431	17½
Golden State	22	34	.393	19½
Sacramento	19	39	.328	23½
New Orleans	15	42	.263	27

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Boston 115 Miami 107
Cleveland 103, Charlotte 90
Dallas 110 Sacramento 100
Philadelphia 107 New Jersey 88
Washington 93 Orlando 85
New York at Chicago
Monday's results
Indiana 103 Toronto 98
Denver 123 Golden State 84
Houston 94 Portland 89
Memphis 94 L.A. Clippers 85
L.A. Lakers 93 New Orleans 91
Oklahoma City 109 Milwaukee 89
Orlando 119 Detroit 89
Phoenix 114 Minnesota 90
Utah 91 San Antonio 84
Washington 113 Charlotte 85
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	56	558	372	1572	28.1
Durant, OkC	57	556	352	1575	27.6
James, Mia	54	539	322	1445	26.8
Love, Minn	54	474	379	1432	26.5
Westbrook, OkC	57	518	289	1382	24.2
Wade, Mia	44	380	220	995	22.6
Aldridge, Por	55	483	223	1191	21.7
D. Williams, NJ	52	379	245	1117	21.5

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The lighter side of luxury

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Backing up

Infiniti has made most of its advanced electronic safety and crash-avoiding accessories available for the JX, plus a couple of first-time features. Leading this group is Backup Collision Intervention (BCI) that, when the JX is reversing, can detect vehicles in close proximity or crossing diagonally behind and apply the brakes.

The power lift gate gives you access to the largest cargo hold in its class.

All-wheel-drive

For the Canadian market, the JX comes standard with an on-demand all-wheel-drive system that directs 100 per cent of the engine's torque to the front under normal driving conditions, but can split off half to the rear wheels to maximize grip under slippery conditions.

2013 Infiniti JX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (265).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.5/8.5.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $46,900.

Engine

The heart of the JX is the same familiar 3.5-litre V6 that can be found on a number of Nissan/Infiniti products. For the JX application, it produces 265 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque. That's not a lot of thrust for this category, especially when non-luxury seven-passenger brands like the Mazda CX-9 pack more power.

Review. Sitting pretty with seven-passenger utility and a smaller footprint

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

It's said that portion control is an essential part of any successful weight-loss program. That appears to be what Infiniti is practising with its scaled-down seven-passenger JX35 wagon.

Nissan's premium division currently markets the eight-passenger QX56 that uses Nissan's Titan truck chassis and 400-horsepower V8. But it demands a $75,000 entry fee and possesses a significant appetite for fuel that requires increasingly deeper pockets to satisfy.

It also checks in at a chunky 2,545 kilograms, which makes it a less-than-lithe dance partner on the highway or when negotiating a parking spot.

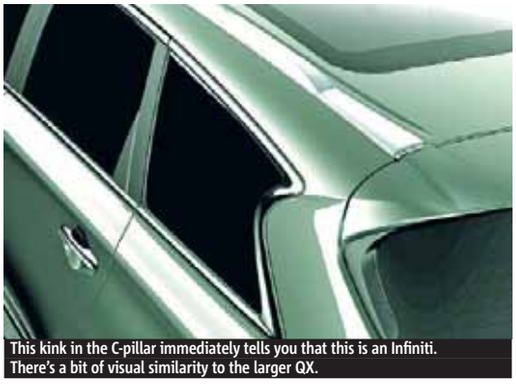
By contrast, the spanking new JX35 carries up to seven people across three rows of seats, but due to its passenger-car construction and smaller engine, it weighs about 365 kilograms less than the QX.

It also touts a base price that's about $30,000 shy of its bigger sibling.

The JX gives Infiniti buyers another option in a category that includes the Acura MDX, Buick Enclave, Volvo XC90 and Lincoln MKT.

They now represent the luxury-class sweet spot as more buyers defect from the traditional sport utility vehicles to more size and fuel-efficient models.

At $46,900 including destination charges, the JX35 makes a strong case for consideration in the luxury wagon bracket, where being in shape and packing the right gear gets you noticed every time.



This kink in the C-pillar immediately tells you that this is an Infiniti. There's a bit of visual similarity to the larger QX.

The JX provides a seven-passenger vehicle that uses a car-based front-wheel-drive platform and a thrifty V6. Previously, you had to step from the five-passenger FX right up to the eight-passenger QX.

By comparison

1 Acura MDX
Base price: $54,700

2 Lincoln MKT
Base price: $52,000

3 Volvo XC90
Base price: $51,000

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

EFI swap made easy

The mere mention of switching to fuel injection from carburetion is likely enough to send many old-school car guys into convulsions, but the benefits are so overwhelming — better fuel economy, mid-range power, easy starting, less evaporative emissions, and, oh yes, it's not a carburetor — that a change is hard to ignore. And with systems coming on stream that are easy to install and set up, there's really no time like the present. MSD's new Atomic throttle-body fuel-injection system needs just eight wired connections and a single fuel line (just like a carburetor) with no computer programming necessary. It uses your current four-barrel intake manifold and linkage, and you can even use your current air cleaner assembly. There's a fantastic installation/setup video that should take any fear out of the conversion at atomicefi.com.

On the Web

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Expect the beautiful, all-electric Infiniti LE Concept to show up on roads sometime within the next two years. CONTRIBUTED

Electric luxury coming down the wire

Autopilot

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New York is one city that likes its electricity, especially in and around Times Square. It's also a city that prides itself as a purveyor of various luxury items, like $100 lunches and $35 per hour parking spots.

So this week's New York International Auto Show isn't a bad venue at all, for the world debut of the Infiniti LE Concept. When it shows up in production form, sometime within the next two years, the Infiniti LE will be the first full-electric vehicle from a major luxury brand.

With a few notable exceptions, production electric cars have so far been smaller, "hatchback" designs, which also wear their electric-ness on their sleeves. That's what makes this Infiniti concept, purported to be about 80 per cent true to its production-ready form, such an interesting development. Early adopters and green enthusiasts might be willing to take a few hits for the team, but will the luxury consumer?

If it doesn't cut it as a luxury car, it won't matter whether it's powered by electricity, petroleum, or linoleum.

Infiniti is confident it can make electricity work for that luxury buyer. Big range and big speeds require big batteries, which in turn are heavy and need long charging times.

Heavy is not good for handling and performance. Long charging times are not good for A-type personalities with places to go and people to see. Infiniti says the LE will crack this conundrum with lightweight structures (aluminum panels), super aerodynamics (coefficient of drag of 0.25), high-tech batteries (Lithium-ion), and two charging systems (plug in and wireless).

Yes, that is a wireless charging system. CONTRIBUTED

If all goes according to plan, the LE will be the first production vehicle with a built-in wireless charging system. Wireless charging via "inductive" energy flow has been around for decades. A lot of people have inductive stoves. One energy coil is connected to an energy source. It creates a magnetic field that excites electrical current in a second coil. In the LE's case, a coil is located at the rear of the car, and the other coil, the one connected to a power source, could be safely encased on the garage floor.

But inductive systems are usually only 80 per cent as efficient in transferring electricity as the normal, with-a-plug way.

"Less efficiency, yes, but tons of convenience," counters Andy Palmer, a Nissan vice-president with a lot on his plate, including global operations of Infiniti.

He's got a point. Just roll into your garage, and if you've bookmarked the parking place in the GPS, the Infiniti is ready to "self park" precisely over the charging spot, with a feature called Intelligent Park Assist. But Palmer is most proud of the concept's sleek bodylines. He noted it was extremely difficult to achieve those precise, sharp lines in the aluminum body panels. Three times they started again, to make sure this all-electric car was all Infiniti and all luxury.

Of all the automakers, Nissan-Renault has placed the biggest bet on electric vehicles.

The partners have gone on record saying they intend to sell 1.5 million electric vehicles by 2016.

2016 is the year when automakers have to achieve very low emission standards, so low that many wonder how automakers can meet them with the current technology. Nissan-Renault has decided they'll do it by having a lot of zero-emission electric cars in the mix.

If they keep at least some of them as good looking as the LE Concept, it certainly wouldn't hinder that strategy's success.

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The Crown passes on

Auto Know.
A familiar face of law enforcement slowly bows out for newer hardware. But it's not a done deal for Ford's front-wheel-drive replacements.

TODD
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Wheelbase Media

Just how big an impression has the Crown Victoria made? The Austin Police Department in Texas stockpiled 176 of them before production ceased in 2011. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

It's a lowly full-sized sedan, but everyone — *everyone* —knows its shape and what it stands for. Especially when it finds your rear-view mirror.

The Ford Crown Victoria cop car.

But all great runs must come to an end, and when the last of the more than 10 million Crown Victorias rolled off the assembly line in September 2011, the end of one automotive era ushered in the beginning of another.

"The cop-car market follows the way the consumer market goes," said Wayne Cunningham, senior editor of CNET Car Tech. "There has just sort of been a sea of change going on in the police-vehicle platforms and the Crown Victoria couldn't hold its place in the market any longer."

The Crown Victoria's fall from grace after 15 years of dominance in the police-force market came as a result of sagging sales, rising fabrication costs and an increased push for more fuel-efficient vehicles. Ford reports that demand levels for the Crown Victoria slipped by 60 per cent in its last decade of production, and the vehicle was available only in fleet sales since the 2008 model year through its discontinuation in 2011.

"The technology was catching up to the Crown Vic also," said Lt. Jim Flegel, a Michigan State Police officer with the MSP Precision Driving Unit. "Ford had to keep those vehicles up to date in terms of federal standards, and stuff all that money into the vehicle to keep meeting those standards. It just wasn't feasible anymore so (Ford) decided to go with a different platform that was going to meet all the federal safety standards."

The end of the Crown Vic era (1955-56, 1979-80 and 1983-2011) opened the market for a vehicle void in police departments throughout North America, though some agencies aren't quite ready to dissolve the relationship.

Before production ceased, the Austin Police Department (APD) in Texas stockpiled 176 Crown Victoria patrol cars to help protect and serve for years to come.

Even with the end of the line for the Crown Vic, Ford didn't quietly concede its place as the top manufacturer of police vehicles in North America, unveiling for the 2012 model year its next-gen cop car with the Ford Police Interceptor, which is built from the Taurus platform. But with a deep loyalty to the reliable Crown Vic in many departments, questions remained as to why Ford didn't just tweak the Crown Victoria platform and replace the V8 engine with the fuel-friendly Ecoboost V6 engine.

Cunningham explained that in the name of cost effectiveness, manufacturers routinely base their police and other specialty fleet vehicles on consumer models. And with demand for the rear-wheel drive Crown Victoria slipping, the best course became a new course from a financial and practicality standpoint.

"It would be inefficient for Ford to keep around the platform just for a niche vehicle that maybe sells a couple of thousand a year," Cunningham said. "The major manufacturers are looking for platforms that are more versatile, modern and fuel-efficient, which will probably look more attractive from an accounting perspective and a city budget perspective also."

The Ford Police Interceptor breaks some new ground with a front-wheel-drive platform that includes an all-wheel-drive option.

The Michigan State Police Precision Driving Unit is at the forefront of police vehicle evaluation. And of the six four-wheeled police vehicles tested in September of 2011, for the 2012 model year — Chevrolet's Caprice 9C1, Impala 9C1 and Tahoe utility; the Dodge Charger; the Taurus-based Ford Police Interceptor sedan and Explorer-based utility vehicle — only the Ford models use a front-wheel-drive platform.

"The front-wheel-drive was surprisingly a very predictable vehicle," Flegel said of the performance testing results of the Ford models.

"With front-wheel-drive vehicles, you kind of expect them to understeer (continue in a straight line when the steering wheel is turned). We did not get a whole lot of understeer with the new Interceptor."

But Ford didn't pigeonhole itself with a front-wheel-drive only model and added an all-wheel-drive version that comes with a 263-horsepower, 3.5-litre V6, or the turbocharged "EcoBoost" 3.5-litre with 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

"With the police that are used to their trusty Crown Vic, they might be a little suspicious of the new platform because it is a front-wheel-drive platform," Cunningham said. "But the all-wheel drive version within that platform adds to the flexibility, and that may be something that brings the police forces on board with the all-wheel drive."

Flegel suggested that smaller departments or those situated in areas of harsh winter weather, such as Canada, might actually prefer the front-drive model, while larger departments with frequent freeway work and a need for higher speeds may be more likely to choose the all-wheel drive option, or use some of each.

Quote

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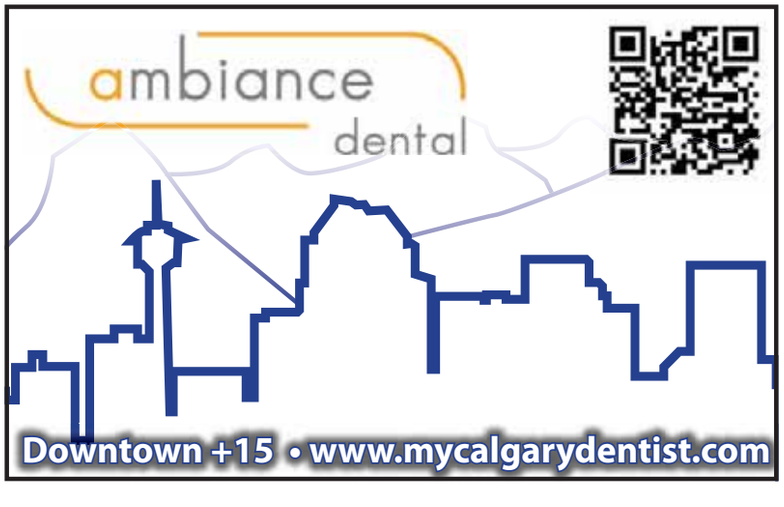
Wayne Cunningham, CNET Car Tech



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The 1997 to 2007 generation of Chevrolet's Silverado pickup truck offered numerous engine and driveline combinations, including six and eight cylinder power, automatic and manual transmissions and two or four-wheel drive.

Numerous body and box combinations were also available. When shopping used, LS and LT models were even more highly-equipped, though more basic "work" trucks could also be had.

Common Issues

As a bare minimum, a Chevrolet-trained mechanic should check the underside of your potential used truck for signs of excessive rust, dents or holes, leaking differentials, transfer case leaks and oil or coolant leaks from the engine.

Ensure the vehicle's four-wheel drive system (if equipped) can be shifted between its various modes as outlined in the owner's manual. Check the engine oil level and condition, as some owners have reported oil consumption issues. Avoid a model that's low on oil, or with engine oil that looks dirty or burned.

Engine

A V6 engine, as well as numerous V8 engines, could be specified for Silverado models. Automatic or manual transmissions and two or four-wheel drive were also available, depending on the model in question.

What Owners Like

Owners note a roomy cabin, confident passing and towing power, a pleasing ride and a solid, heavy-duty feel. Mileage is often rated highly too — particularly on the 4.8L and 5.3L-powered models. Many owners say their Silverado "tows like a dream."

What Owners Dislike

A more positive and precise brake-pedal feel, a better standard audio system, and higher-quality interior trim are on the wish-lists of many owners.

Verdict

A careful test drive and inspection from a GM-trained mechanic familiar with Silverado's potential issues should be considered mandatory. A healthy last-generation model appears ideal for those after proven performance, comfort and confident towing.

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Auto lighting: More than just pretty colours

Driving Force.
According to Ford, interior lights are important factors to drivers

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Did you know?

- Certain levels or combinations of light trigger enzymes in the brain, which cause emotional responses. Automakers use these responses when determining what type of lighting should be used for various functions.
- Auto lighting designers must take the outside environment into consideration: lights inside the vehicle must display equally well in daytime or nighttime conditions.

On the upcoming Ford Fusion, drivers will be able to select the car's ambient lighting from a wide choice of different colours. FORD CANADA

Light and colour can be powerful forces, affecting our eyes and even our moods and perception. That can be very important when you're driving so automakers design their interior lighting to reduce eye strain, draw your attention to important information and make the vehicle soothing and comfortable.

"We look at how people interact with colours," says Mahendra Dassanayake, technical leader in opto-electronics for Ford Motor Company.

"Lights, graphics and displays are critical to drivers [and] we need to make sure that the information is presented to the customer in an effective way."

On the upcoming redesigned Ford Fusion, drivers will be able to select the car's ambient lighting from a choice of ice blue, blue, purple, orange, red, white or green. The company says that ice-blue lighting is a particularly strong choice, since it can help keep occupants more alert, and makes it easier for drivers to notice other information the car is providing. Green relaxes people, who breathe slowly and deeply in its presence. Orange is described as "outgoing and optimistic," while red evokes strong emotions and gets your attention right away.

Messages communicated via the instrument cluster are colour-coded as well.

"These are red, amber or green, depending on how critical the information is," Dassanayake says. Just as a traffic signals use these three colours to indicate stop, caution or move ahead, the car's warning lights are coded similarly. A mild warning such as a reminder from the tire pressure monitoring system would warrant an amber light, while an urgent one, such as low oil pressure, flashes red to immediately grab the driver's attention.

The company also uses colour-coding on its MyFord Touch system, an in-dash touch-screen that accesses the vehicle's climate, entertainment, telephone and navigation systems. With a different colour dedicated to each of the four areas, the driver can potentially find a specific function faster than reading each heading, which means less time looking away from the road.

Automotive lighting will continue to evolve as new engineering and technologies are developed, Dassanayake says.

And the field is wide open: other than grey or brown, there are no colours that aren't open to consideration.

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1 Hosiery shade
4 College stat
7 Met melody
8 BBQ load
10 Part of the flora
11 Juicy bit of gossip
13 It sucks
16 Attempt
17 Pay increase
18 Rotation duration
19 Count counterpart
20 Create
21 Resided
23 Exposes
25 Welsh veggie
26 Strictly entre —
27 Recede
28 Detroit team
30 Springtime abbr.
33 Thermoses
36 Impish one
37 Burst forth
38 Become one
39 Spectacles selection
40 Witness
41 Type measures

Down

1 Frequent Hepburn co-star
2 Japanese indigene
3 Neither sharp nor flat
4 Soccer scores
5 Cole Porter subject
6 — Romeo
7 Winged
8 Beany's pal
9 Soda-shop treat
10 Beetle Bailey's rank (Abbr.)
12 Plumbing problems
14 Shopping center
15 "Catcher in the —"
19 Comic-strip squeal
20 "— Doubtfire"
21 Preclude
22 PC pic producer
23 U2 lead singer
24 Spartan
25 Pentateuch bk.
26 Aristocratic
28 Money, especially when "filthy"
29 Mirror's offering
30 Graduates
31 Energizes, with "up"
32 Queue after Q
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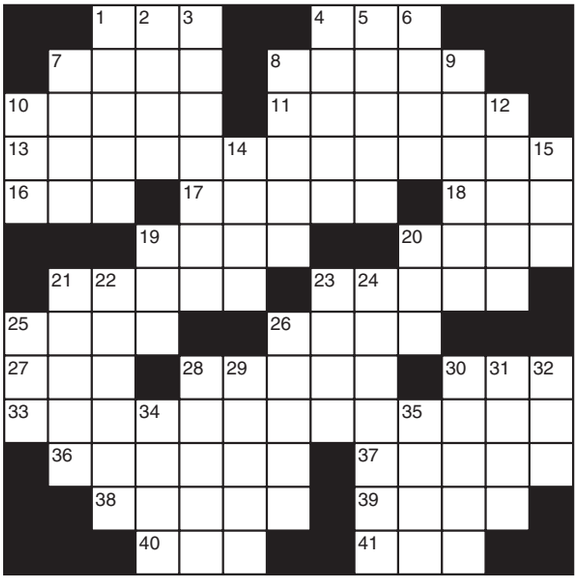


Sudoku

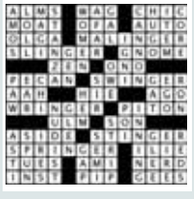
		6	4			3		
7	8			3	2			
9			7				4	
2				4				3
		9				1		
8				6				9
	1				7			8
			8	1			2	5
		8			9	6		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

ZH HMA BKK, Z LTXRM KI DNRYAC BALOZF DAOA TXZFMZVACEQ GEZQNXJ Z JZVA KI FHONGA GKYAO.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINGER JOHNNY AND COMIC JIM SHOULD'VE BEGUN A BUSINESS, GIVING IT THE TITLE CASH AND CARREY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals Z

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Just because someone is acting strangely does not mean they are up to no good.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The only thing you can be sure of is that you can't be sure of anything. If you keep that fact in mind at all times today, you'll do OK.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. If you make a friend or family member a promise today make sure you are in a position to deliver.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. No one expects you to be on top of your game every minute of every day, so why expect it of yourself?

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. People will pat you on the back and tell you what a great job you are doing. What you do today will be brilliant too.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may find it hard to take someone seriously today but you must take what they tell you seriously.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Something you hear will upset you today. It isn't aimed at you personally, so why be put out by it?

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You possess an unshakable belief in your own abilities. But you don't seem to understand why others have doubts about you. Make it your business to find out.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may not see how the changes taking place in your world are for the best, but they are.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's OK to visualize where you want to be ten years from now but it's what you do each and every day that builds the future.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may be unhappy with a certain situation but it would be unwise to give up on it now.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You are smart enough to find your own way out of a difficult situation but why not get some assistance?

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